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LUNCH—HEAD TO COME .....  
In a veritable tropical bower, thousands of sweet-smelling blossoms roofing the broad, breeze-swept lanais of the Royal Hawaiian Hotel, over two hundred distinguished men and women gathered shortly after noon today to sit together in the pleasant spirit of good comradeship which particularly characterizes the American. To impart and receive that information of the islands which could be given in the brief interval of rest in the busy day's sight-seeing and scurrying hither and thither about the city and suburbs.

It is certain that the members of the great Taft party deeply appreciated the beautiful decorations in their honor. On every hand, as the guests and prominent Honolulu folks seated themselves at the tables on the front semi-circular lanai and the broad balcony on the Ewa side of the Hawaiian Hotel, were heard exclamations of delight. Never before in the history of the Hawaiian Islands has such a gathering occurred in this city and it is safe to say that seldom if ever has any hotel or other establishment been so artistically and picturesquely adorned for the reception of celebrities.

Overhead, among generous sprigs of pepper leaves, flowers by the hundreds, by the thousands, made fragrant the atmosphere and glad the eye. No portion of the ceiling or walls could be detected, so thoroughly had careful hands, mainly under the direction of Mrs. E. D. Tenney, blotted out all signs of woodwork with branch and spray and fruit and blossom.

Each arched doorway leading from the main dining room on to the lanais, was bordered with spreading palm leaves, the leaves of taro plants, huge bunches of bananas and strings of flowers. From and between the pillars of the balconies hung rich clusters of Hawaiian fruit, pineapples, tempting in their readiness for the table; mangoes, golden yellow, crimson and purple, according to their variety; alligator pears, deep green and purple black; figs from the slopes of Punchbowl; grapes from the same sunny hillside; mountain apples, crimson-hued; bread fruit, coconuts, papayas, pomegranates, oranges and limes. Long pieces of sugar cane were in evidence and everywhere there was a profusion of ferns, malle and other greenery, always relieved by the rainbow colors of Flora's train.

And while sixty-four special, fleet-footed waiters moved between the half-a-hundred tables and the kitchen where all was hustle and bustle, the music of the famous Hawaiian band and the Ellis Glee Club charmed the ears of the guests, many of whom had never listened to Hawaiian airs, for Hawaiian music was not neglected in the delightful program. The scene was tropical, interesting, significant—magificent.

At the various tables Honolulu men and women were seated with members of the Taft party and a brisk conversation was kept up over the dinner.



MISS ALICE ROOSEVELT.  
As she appears in the garb appropriate to winter life at the Capitol.

ties set before them. Needless to say Hawaii and Hawaii's affairs were the main topics of conversation. Some of the visitors indulged in pol and found the process of manipulating it with a fork rather entertaining. When it was learned that all the splendid array of fruit so tastefully decorating the lanais was to be sent aboard the Manchuria for the benefit of the travelers on their long journey hence to Manila, much pleasure was manifested.

To Manager Church of the Hawaiian Hotel and to Chef Wyman great credit is due for the entire success of the luncheon. Preparations had been made for three hundred persons and the number who took lunch just about reached this figure, for, besides the large Taft party and the Honolulu people at table with them, there were the regular guests of the hotel and passengers from the steamship Alameda, also a number of folks from the Manchuria not included in the Taft party. Yesterday morning Chef Wyman had exhausted the supply of lobsters and squabs. Two hundred lobsters, half a lobster going to a portion, and nearly three hundred squabs had been secured. Thirty extra hands were required in the kitchen alone; altogether there were over a hundred men employed in serving the party.

Prominent in the decorations were numerous American and Hawaiian flags, the Hawaiian, of course being the Territorial colors. The front of the semi-circular lanai was draped in huge flags of the nation and the Territory. Smaller flags were placed here and there. In the center of the front lanai, toward the main dining room, was placed the table at which Secretary Taft, Miss Roosevelt, Acting Governor Atkinson and Mrs. Alatau Atkinson were seated. Senators and Representatives, with Honolulu people told off

## Payne For Duty Reduction

Senator Sereno E. Payne of New York, the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, when asked what he thought of the tariff on coffee, stated that this subject had not been considered at all. The only agitation on the subject was done by the newspapers "and they don't make tariffs," added the Senator with a smile.

With regard to the question of Philippine free trade Senator Payne said that he favored a reduced duty of twenty-five per cent of the present tariff to take effect at once.

"When the treaty limitation expires in January, 1909, continued the Senator, 'I favor free trade both ways.' 'I do not know of any special subject of interest to Hawaii, which is considered by Congress. There is some agitation to turn the revenue and the customs collected here over to the Territory, but I do not think that Congress will ever do that. The Federal Government will look after Hawaii's harbors, public buildings and other such needs.'"

to keep them company, occupied the balance of the space of the front lanai; other members of the party, official and otherwise, were seated in the Ewa banquet pavilion. In the front of the main dining hall, immediately behind the Taft table, was located the press table. Over eighty persons were seated on the semi-circular lanai; on the Ewa side there were about one hundred and twenty. Other luncheoners occupied the inner dining hall.

Besides Mrs. Tenney, Mrs. C. B. Cooper, Mrs. F. W. Macfarlane, Mrs. Geo. Herbert, Miss Nellie Kitchen and Gertrude Wilder worked yesterday on the adornment of the lanais.

### RENEAR MAKING GOOD

Dan Renear writes good news from the East and everybody is glad to hear of the local swimmer's encouraging reports. Jess Woods has received a letter from Dan, who is now in Chicago. Renear has been doing stunts in the Chicago Athletic Association pool, and his work has drawn attention from the experts. The "Cherry Circle" athletes are after Dan to get him to join them, but he prefers to see New York first. The championship races do not take place until August, so Renear has time to get into shape.

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